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Applicant: Marek Minarik et al.

PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed September 9, 2004 the applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Section 102

As with the previous Office action the sole issue is whether the applicants' claims are anticipated by any one of the three cited references. A review of the law and the references warrant review of this rejection.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found in a single cited art reference. See *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete